Formulation of National Action Plan for production of Pulses

2886. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any National Action Plan for increasing the production of Pulses in the country, particularly in Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total 'production of Pulses' in the country, State-wise;

(d) the total demand of Pulses in the country at present; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to increase the production of Pulses in the country?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Centrally Sponsored National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) is already in implementation in the country including in the State of Punjab for increasing the production of pulses. Through this scheme incentives are being provided to the farmers on certified seeds, micro-nutrients, Rhizobium culture, improved farm implements, sprinkler sets, etc. so as to motivate them to adopt the improved pulses production technology. Besides, field demonstrations on farmers holdings and farmers trainings are also being organised through this scheme for effective transfer of improved production technology.

(c) Statewise total production of pulses in the country during 1993-94 to 1995-96 is given in the enclosed statement. *(See* below).

(d) The demand of pulses depends on per capita income & prices of pulses and their substitutes (vegetables etc.). However, the Working Group on Demand & Supply Projections on Agricultural Commodities and Improvement of Agricultural Statistics for the formulation of Ninth Five Year Plan, has estimated the gross demand of pulses in the country for 1996-97 as 15.50 million tonnes.

(e) Through the ongoing National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) steps are being taken to propogate the adoption of improved pulses production technology like use of seeds, irrigation, plant protection measures etc. for increasing the production of pulses and their availability.

Statement

State-wise Estimates of Total Production of Pulses

Production (Thousand Tonnes)

State	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Andhra Pradesh	677.00	672.5	639.7
Arunachal Pradesh	5.3	5.6	6.5
Assam	57.0	59.4	57.1
Bihar	735.5	789.6	572.3
Goa	5.1	4.8	5.2
Gujarat	538.1	518.6	456.5
Haryana	469.6	493.6	416.4
Himachal Pradesh	8.6	12.9	12.6
Jammu & Kashmir	19.2	22.9	22.9
Karnataka	630.3	620.7	724.1
Kerala	33.3	18.8	16.8
Madhya Pradesh	3264.6	3653.8	3102.2
Maharashtra	2205.3	1697.9	1660.9
Meghalaya	2.5	2.4	2.4
Mizoram	9.8	9.9	6.1
Nagaland	10.0	7.9	12.3
Orissa	498.6	410.0	1176.0
Punjab	80.7	90.5	82.5
Rajasthan	1071.1	1965.5	1462.5
Sikkim	5.5	8.9	5.7
Tamil Nadu	276.4	340.0	359.7
Tripura	6.5	5.8	4.6
Uttar Pradesh	2516.0	2479.2	2251.7
West Bengal	170.6	134.6	125.9
A & N Island	0.8	1.0	1.0
D & N Haveli	2.7	5.4	3.2
Daman & Diu	1.0	1.0	1.0
Delhi	1.0	1.0	1.0
Pondicherry	2.7	3.4	3.5
All india	13304.8	14037.6	13192.3